GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Modal Shift of Cargo
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to incentivise modal shift of cargo from rail/road mode to waterways mode of transportation across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has assessed the financial and logistical advantage from such shift of cargo in the country;
(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)
(a) No, Madam.
(b) Does not arise.
(c)to(e):As part of the SagarmalaProgramme, it has been estimated that coastal shipping is 80% cheaper on per tonne-kilometre basis on water compared to rail. The origin-destination study of key cargo types, conducted as part of the SagarmalaProgramme, found significant potential for moving raw materials and finished products using coastal shipping instead of rail or road. An additional coastal shipping movement potential of 115-120 MMTPAby 2025 has been identified for various cargo types (coal, petroleum, oil & lubricant, steel, cement and fertilizer). This could lead to logistics cost savings of Rs. 30,000-40,000 Crore per annum by 2025.To promote the development of coastal shipping infrastructure across the country, Ministry of Shipping has revised the scope of the Coastal Berth Scheme and merged the scheme with the SagarmalaProgramme.

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